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WILL THE CITY LOOK TO IT?

At the risk of being misrepresented and abused for calling attention to a great evil, we ask the city authorities to go or send some competent and trustworthy persons to Liberty Park, particularly the east side, and inspect the effects of smelter smoke on the trees and vegetation there. They are withered and seared by the metallic fumes, and as they are public property they are matters of concern to the municipality. The damage that is being done to private property may be seen in the orchards and gardens all the way out to Granger. There can be no mistake about it to anyone who has eyes and uses them.

Some hired apologist for the nuisance will say, of course, that the "News" is attacking the smelters in favor of the farmers. That is the usual form of reply to pertinent facts that demand attention and to wrongs that require a remedy. The truth is that the "News" desires the promotion of the smelting industry as much as anyone can do so. But it also recognizes the value and the rights of the agricultural and horticultural industries and those of the general public.

This is now an old grievance. But It is not palliated by age. It calls for something to be done to remove it. The subject has been debated, and litigation has been had in the courts, and money has been paid for damages that have resulted from the nuisance, but it has not been abated. It is just the same destructive agency in just as much force as ever. The city ought to take the matter up for the protection of its property. Will the mayor and council see to it?

We believe that something could be done to relieve the situation without injury to the smelting companies, if they were to determine upon a definite line of action with the full purpose of a radical policy in the right direction. If we are wrong in this opinion, the evil still remains, and is one that must be met. Is the farming interest in the sphere of the smoke nulsance to be abandoned, or shall the smelters be compelled to do away with the deadly fumes within a reasonable time? That tion of more than ordinar portance, and it will not be settled by attempts to belittle it or by perverting that which is said for the sole purpose of promoting the general wel-

THE NEW MOVEMENT.

The movement in aid of spelling reform, which has been in slow progress impetus through the endorsement by President Roosevelt of the proposed change in the spelling of about three hundred words in the English language. That has already given a prominence to the work which it greatly needed, and the practical adoption of the abbreviated spelling in government documents will do very much towards its general acceptance.

There is a division of sentiment the abbreviations proposed, as some of when the public eye becomes accustom. vanish. We believe there has come to as yet. tion will result in much good in many ly with the arbitrary modes of spelling

the progress of this movement, of the age." endeavor to establish the phonetic (or fonetic) method of spelling by the late President Brigham Young, away back in the "early fiftles." He grasped the idea of spelling reform with his usual foresight and quickness of perception, but necessarily had to leave the details of practical work in it to men who were familiar with it. The Descret Alphabet was formulated and this complicated the phonetic principle with a change of characters for a new alphabet, and thus hindered the movement that he inaugurated. That formed a block in the way of his efforts in a right direction and caused its sus-

pension indefinitely, sired reform must be undertaken by gradual process. The old alphabet ing to this view, the increase in these may be retained until the proposed evils, is traceable, in many cases, to changes in spelling are adopted and the lack of good, health-producing found to be beneficial, and still fur- sleep. ther progress is made in the same direction. Then alphabetical reforms can come, and they need not be of the poor are huddled together in small radical kind that would throw aside the present characters, but only such as could be substituted by a few others better adapted for the purpose in view, The present proposition appears to be a lethargic slumber, instead of sound

REMEMBERING SLAVE DAYS.

The people of Osawatomie, Kas., have just been celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the battle fought at that place, as one of the preliminaries of the great struggle that came later for the liberation of the colored slaves in this country. The accounts of the celebration say that thousands of visitors were in attendance, and that many prominent men were present, Vice President Fairbanks among others. The program included a sham battle by troops from Fort Leavenworth, and speeches by the Vice President, Senator Chester Long, Governor Hoch, and others,

The battle of Osawatomie was fought between a force of Missourians estimated at from 400 to 1,000 men, and John Brown with his little band of forty-one. The town was destroyed. Of the Misseurlans 31 were killed and about 56 were wounded. Among John Brown's losses was his son Frederick who was not taking any part in the conflict and did not offer any resistance. Nevertheless, he was shot dead by a party of pro-slavery scouts who were led, according to some accounts. by a preacher named White. The seem to have been very active in the border disturbances in the early days. when blood flowed, and many of them were on the side of the oppressors of their fellow-men.

When California was admitted to the Union, the slave states turned toward the plains of Kansas for the restoration of the equilibrium. As the country was but sparsely settled it became the scene of conflict between the East and South, representing liberty and slavery, respectively. The question was as to from which part of the country the greatest number of settlers should ne. After a contest of immigration that had lasted for two years, the vote for freedom still prevailed.

Then, it is claimed, fraud was resorted to in behalf of slavery. It is stated that Missourians came over to Kansas in great numbers, remained a day or two, voted, and returned to their homes. They even brought with them their friends from the south, it is said, who also participated in the elections. This continued for two years. and when 1856 rolled around, force began to be used on both sides. Lawrence was attacked and partially destroyed. Missourians came over to Kansas with their guns and Kansas went over into Missouri. Both committed acts of violence and crime.

John Brown came to Kansas at that time of agitation. He was a bitter foe of slavery and always ready to defend the cause of liberty. Naturally he took a prominent part in the conflict raging. and an effort is now being made, it seems, to transfer to the battle of Osawatomie the importance generally attached to the affair at Harper's Ferry.

John Brown is a peculiar character in American history. He was duly convicted of murder and treason, but he met his fate like a hero, and the time he spent in jail before his death, he manifested so many good qualities that he won the respect of all who knew him. He had a burning desire to do something for the abolition of slavery, but he was an unruly spirit to whom American methods seemed too admitted that he, in giving his life for his principles, proved to the slave states that slavery was no longer safe. When people are willing to die for a righteous principle, the opponents of that principle, had better prepare for him, how and he manage to manage the defeat, And John Brown proved that there were abolitionists to whom righteous principles were dearer than life itself. That was one of the services he brought to the great cause of liberty, for several years, has received strong and it is all right to remember him and his life, even if some of the methods he employed cannot be ap-

NOT ANXIOUS FOR PEARY.

Mrs. Peary, wife of the Arctic explorer, is said to be very enthusiastic in her belief that her husband will accomplish the object for which he has spent so many years in the frozen regions. among the advocates of spelling re- He sailed from New York about a year form as to the propriety of using all ago in the stemship Roosevelt, and his them appear almost ludicrous in the possible on this vessel, and then promore radical and strange than is the pole. No word has been received from modern orthography compared with him for several months, and some of that of a few hundred years ago, and his friends have expressed anxiety for his safety. Mrs. Peary, however, says ed to them the opposition will quickly no message from him can be expected be a consensus of opinion in favor of Peary it will be a cable message from a large number of omissions of need- South Labrador," she is quoted as less letters in the spelling of common having said recently. "Should no tiwords, and that the reform now in mo- dings be received before November it ways. It will prove a saver of time quired for the search, for he told me and an aid to the student and also to before he sailed from New York that the ordinary writer, who wrestles vain- this was to be his last trip toward the which are contrary both to sound and long as he could, to locate the north pole. He has everything in his favor We are reminded, in reflecting on for a successful ending of the voy-

LACK OF SLEEP, BAD.

A "Physician," quoted in "Nordstjernan," calls attention to the fact that lack of sound sleep is a greater detriment to the physical and moral development of children, than many are aware of. It is well known, he says, that the medieval inventors of torture found that, to deprive their victims of sleep soon resulted in death. And that is just the kind of torture many children are subjected to. Insufficient sleep injures the body, blunts the mental faculties, causes distorted perceptions which take the place of Experience has shown that the de- the will power, and thus prepares the way for insanity and crime. Accord-

The writer referred to above points out that many of the children of the mer, and cold and damp in the winter, and there they pass the night in n the right line, and being to a large sleep. Resides, very often the children stent conservative, while it yet aims are kept awake by the orgies of grown a great improvement, it bears the up persons, and during the nightly shability of success and to be the | hours they receive impressions which srunner of still greater reforms in are anything but morally pure. Halforthography of the English lan- grown boys and girls take these imlives, and the seeds of evil sown grow and bring forth a harvest of moral

If this is true, as it undoubtedly is,

it is also true that the evil is not confined to the poor. Many young boys and girls, in this amusement-mad age, spend evening after evening at pleasure resorts, dancing halls, and theaters, and deprive themselves of sleep during a great part of the time that nature intended for rest and recuperation. If, while thus indulging in nightly pleasures, they are attending school, they are bound to injure them. selves. They are burning the candle of youth at both ends, and they will some day find it burnt out much sooner than necessary. Such foolish expenditure is a draft upon the future which must be paid back, and often with compound interest. It is necessary to take care of youth and health, in order to enjoy life, and never is that more necessary than during the school years. That age should not be devoted, to any large extent, to social functions that rob the participants of necessary sleep. The student must be in full possession of all his faculties, or he will not accomplish the object for which he attends school. It follows that in order to have the

full benefit of the blessings of sleep, noisy streets should be avoided for homes. The effect of noise during the day time is said to be bad enough. If it interferes with the repose of the night, it is simply murderous. The truth of this may not yet be generally recognized, but it will be, as people get more experience with noisy apartment houses in business centers, where there is a continual rush and bustle, almost all night as well as all day,

Mrs. Langtry has lost her voice. Another "sans everything" stage.

The naval review was a great sight, And it cost a sight of money.

Statistics show that Russian officials no longer die natural deaths.

King Edward has proven that Union Pacific is the royal road to wealth.

The streets belong to the people, of course, but the contractors have the

Candidate or no candidate, Vice President Fairbanks is an unusually active man,

Count that day lost whose low descending sun sees no bets won." Fight fan's proverb.

By fighting the railroads, which carry the people, Hoke Smith carried the state of Georgia.

It won't seem quite like old times in Cuba until we are able to read about the trochas and the tortures.

It was a woman who "peached" on Banker Stensland. And formerly, no doubt, he called her a "peach."

"Samuel Gompers is not the people," says the Los Angeles Times. This is reassuring and settles a disputed point. The President's letter to Public

shows the movement to be a sort of initiative and referendum. If an officer couldn't manage a crazy man without calling on a citizen to help

Printer Sullings on spelling reform

crazy man and arrest the citizen, too? There is a shortage of seven thousand dollars in the funds of the New Mexico prison. The institution should open its hospitable doors to the guilty

Larger towns could have given the Irrigation congress a bigger welcome than Boise did, but none could have given a heartier one. Three cheers

"Among other notable public improvements in Omaha, Mae Wood has moved to Kalamazoo, Mich." says an exchange. The Michigan state insane asylum is situated there.

Dr. C. W. Hayes of the geological survey says that the backbone of the continent is weak. It is not so important that it be strong as that the backbone of the nation be.

Success to Palma in his efforts to put down rebellion. If he cannot, Uncle Sam may have to, and that would be an unpleasant task; and possibly dangerous for the little republic.

not official activity that caused the arrest of Stensland. If officialdom had but half the enterprise that newspaperdom has how different things would "The people of Pueblo, and especial-

ly the business men of the city, have good cause of complaint against the paving contractors on account of the slowness with which the work of paying is being pushed toward completion," says the Chieftain. It is the same right here in Salt Lake City.

SPELLING REFORM CRITICIZED.

New York Times.

Mr. Roosevelt is nothing if not sudand his unexpected adoption of simplified list of words prepared simplified spelling whose expenses are borne by Andrew Carnegle, is perfectly characteristic. In Germany they were more deliber-ate. The matter was under discussion for years, and the moderate changes recommended, though put forth with the government authority, were not made the subject of an im-The French language, perial decree. oo, was slightly simplified in its spelling but upon a report made by a com-mittee learned in such things, and adopted by the government, "natural prejudice" to which Matthews refers is undoubtedly a thing to be reckened with. There are sound philological arguments to be made in support of the reform, and the committee has made them. There are also many reasons and serious ones for heeding Prof. Matthewa's advice

New York Sun

What its effect upon usage may prove to be it is not possible to say. Backed up by the printing trade of the country at large, that is to say, by sil the newspapers and by all the pub-lishers of books and periodicals, something would undoubtedly come of it. It is very doubtful, however, if the grown boys and girls take these im-printers will follow it to any appre-pressions with them into their daily ciable extent. The reason for this is

not as might be conjectured, reasonably enough, that they are not inspired by a sufficient animosity to the Eng-lish language, but that they do not care to incur the expense. What that would amount to the President will doubtless learn when he hears from the government printing office. May we be permitted to doubt that had the President been aware of the practical consequences of his order he would have thought twice instead of not at all before he issued it?

Washington Dispatch to Boston Globe. Privately officials did not hesitate to say that they hoped it was not true, because it would entail an endless amount of work on them and mean practically that everybody from the head of the department down to the youngest clerk would have to go to chool again and learn how to Many typewriters and stenographers departments are none too sure of their spelling at present, and if they have to take a new course they will be at their wits' ends. Still, there is a bright side to the matter. A stenographer who is a bit shaky on his or her spelling can claim that it is the phonetic system according to the President's instructions, which ought to be sufficient excuse.

Boston Transcript.

Therefore, the government printing office must run two sets of spellings—the executive and the legislative. It does not print for the supreme court that body having always preferred a private printer of its own, upon whom close hand, since the it could keep a close hand, since the leakage of its decisions, often printed advance of their reading, would prove a highly serious matter. the great government workshop itself one bank of machines, proofreaders and revisers will have to dedicated to one form of spelling, and the rest of the shop to the other. This will be awkward and vexatious, and would apparently afford opportunities for numberless mistakes.

JUST FOR FUN.

Couldn't Resist.

Have your enemy touch this panel with his finger," said Caesar Borgia to his sister Lucretia, "and instantly a poisoned needle will dart forth."

"But how may we be sure that he will touch it?" "Oh, we'll have it freshly painted and hang out a sign to that effect."-Los Angeles Times.

Privileges.

"Has wealth any special privileges in this country?" asked the tourist. "Certainly," answered the aman to citizen. wear a silk hat every day in the week, and also gives a license for the use of light-colored gaiters and side whiskers. -Washington Star.

Milk and Kerosene.

The New York papers are blaming Rockefeller for a recent rise in the price of milk. In New York people think that milk is a by-product of petroleum probably.-Cleveland Leader,

As a Last Resort.

As a last resort the czar might bring action to place Russia in the hand of a receiver.—Cleveland Leader.

To Save Their Lives. The board of health of Dublin has ordered all diseased cattle to be killed n order to save their lives .-- Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

She-I can never marry you, but we can at least always be friends. He-I suppose that is one of the adantages of not getting married .- Phil-

adelphia Record. Lady-Did the natives like the perfumed soap I sent them?
Returned Missionary-No, madam. They bit into it, and threw it away,-Detroit Free Press.

"The boarders don't seem to like our country vegetables," said Mrs. Corn-

"That's funny," responded the farmer. "They ought to preclate era. They was bought right in the same town they come from."—Washington

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The article of most general appeal, perhaps, in Recreation is "The Nomads of Romany," by Jessie Partion Tyree, being a story of a visit to a gypsy encampment, setting forth the penularities of this remarkable wangypsy encampment, setting forth the peculiarities of this remarkable wandering people, and explaining their strange manners and customs. "When You Went to the Fair," by Roscoe Brumbaugh, gives a sympathetic portrayal of the attractions and distrac-tions of a typical county fair. "Cruistions of a typical county fair. "Cruising the Fjords of the North Pacific, ing the Fjords of the North Pacine, by D. W. and A. S. Iddings, tells of a trip from Vancouver into the great icy stretches of Bering Sea. Of particular interest to sportsmen will be found the article by Edwyn Sandys on "Some Aquatic Quail," There are several other articles of interest to sportsmen, There are several The illustrations throughout are interesting and clear cut.-23 West, Twenty-fourth Street, New York.

The September Field and Stream will delight the sportsman and all outdoor people. For it Harry H. Dunn con-tributes "The Princess Fishes," a story full of human interest. Jay Smith's Bear Hunting in the Olympics" umorous and instructive, F. L. Hard-ing's "Oceanic Game Fishes of the 'nited States," running serially, deals with the leaping tuna and white sea bass fishing. Walter R. Wetch describes the trout fishing in California in summer, and Fred von Neida tells of September shooting along the Delaware. "The Two Ends of a Story," by Buck A. Cerbin, is a tale of Tennessee mountain fends and deep harring. Norman It was newspaper enterprise, and tain feuds and deer hunting. Norman H. Crowell spins a yarn of an editor's bear hunt. Alvah D. James' "My Friend Jones" is one of his best, while in "James' Waterloo," Zane Grey re-Zane Grey relates the fun he had with Alvah on a pike county creek. Most timely is B. W. Mitchell's "Squirrel Shooting." In his "Tracks and Trailing" series Josef Brunner describes "cat" tracks of all kinds and dispels some of the filusions relative to our domestic cats. The de-partments also contain much timely information.—35 West, Twenty-first Street, New York.

Progressive West for August has a number of features of special interest to western readers. Among these are, "Glimpses of the Southland-Manhattan, Tonopah, Goldfield," and "Public Survey in Nevada.' Some attention is paid to "Mines and Mining" and Nevada's school system.—Reno, Ne-

The following is the list of contents of Ainsiee's magazine for September:
"His Little Pariner," novelette, William McLeod Raine: "Audrey Craven," lam McLeod Raine: "Audrey Craven," serial, May Sinclair; "Aristrocratic White Sulphur." essay, Anne Rittenhouse; "Autumn Son," poem, Clinton Scollard; "The Silver Doctor," short story, Edith Macvane; "The Marrying Off of Dolly," short story, M. H. Vorse; "The Changeling," short story, W. A. Fraser: "A Banjo Song," poem, J. Lee Matherson, "The Lesson," short story, Robert E. MacAlarney; "Gipsy Wind," poem, Frank Demonster Sherman, "The poem, Frank Dempster Sherman; "The Heel of Achilles," short story, Con-"The Ace High," short story, F. Wal-worth Brown: "With Violets," poem, Margaret Houston; "When Pippa Stopped," short story, Walter P. Eaton: "The Vagabond," poem, Charlotte agabond," poem, Charlotte "American Complexities," essay, Carolyn Rapelyea; "The Canyon," poem, John Curtis Underwood; "Plays and Players," Channing Pollock: "For Book Lovers," Archibald Lowery Sessions.-Seventh avenue and Fifteenth

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